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Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [3]

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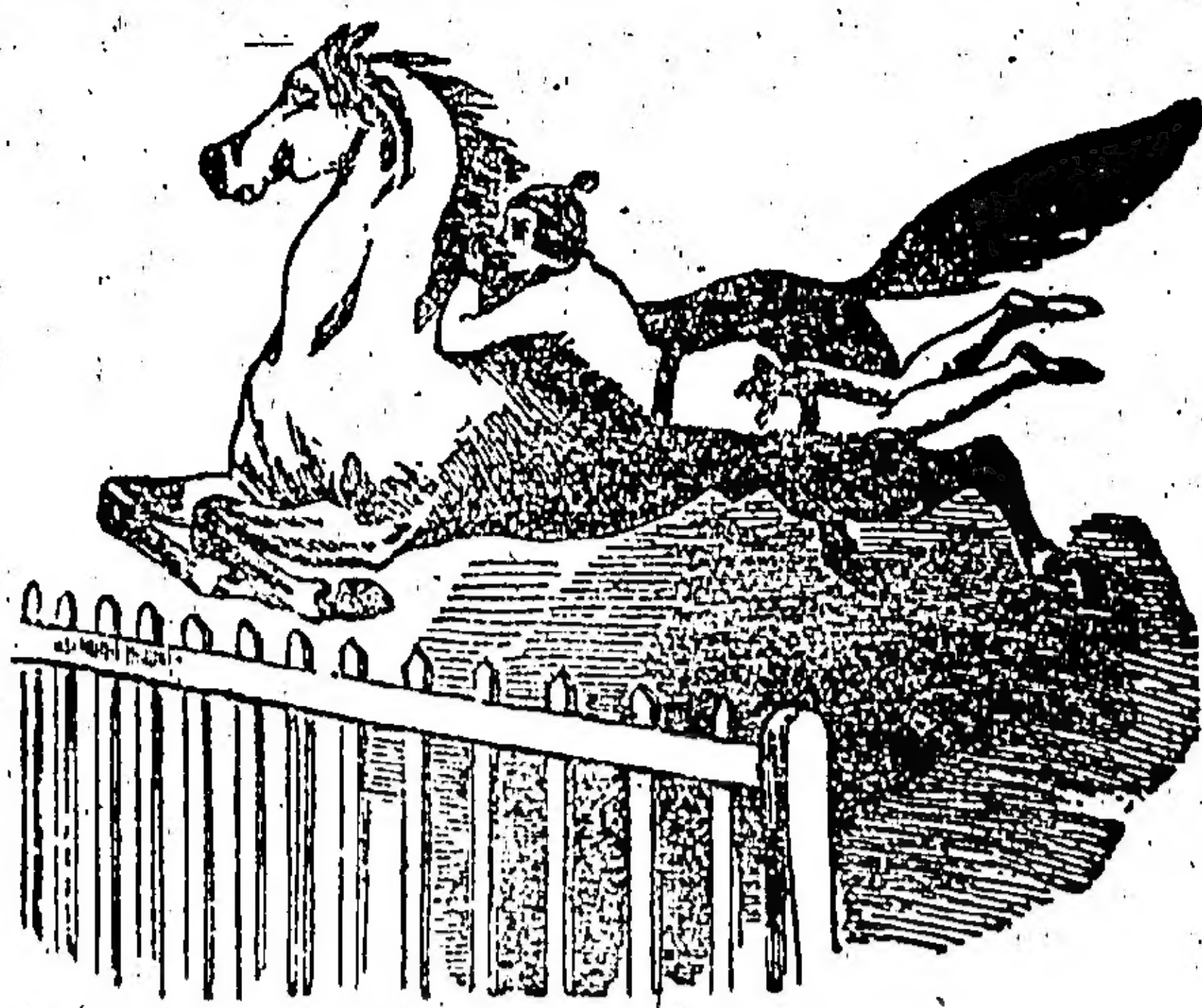
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To-day's Advertisements.



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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [466b]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [471b]

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For the NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.,
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For the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
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H. P. WADMAN,
Acting Secretary.

For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED,
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
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For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [467b]

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"ICHANG,"
Captain Lloyd Jones, will be despatched as
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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [464b]

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Captain T. Otagaki, will be despatched for the
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THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [45]

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [465b]

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BIRTHS.

On the 25th of March, at No. 112A, Bluff,
Yokohama, Japan, the wife of ROBERT WAD-
DELL BORTHWICK, of a daughter.

On the 2nd of April, at 36, Szechuen Road,
Shanghai, the wife of ALFRED EDWARD
WHEELLEY, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1900.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

THE FREE STATE.

**PRESIDENT STEYN APPOINTED
COMMANDANT GENERAL.**

UPINGTON REOCCUPIED.

LONDON, APRIL 6th.

The *Daily Mail* correspondent at
Bloemfontein 4th inst. says that
General Clements division 6,000
strong passed Bloemfontein in the
morning and encamped temporarily
five miles to the North.

The *Daily News* says that
President Steyn has been appointed
Commandant General of the Free
State.

Reuter's correspondent at Bloem-
fontein 5th inst. says that a slight
skirmish occurred yesterday at Bush-
mans Kop. The Boers have moved
south and the British have reoccupied
Upington.

LATER.

GENERAL VILLEBOIS DE MAREUILLE KILLED.

General Methuen telegraphs from
Boshop that he surrounded a Boer
force under General Villebois de
Mareuille on the 5th inst. General
Villebois and seven Boers were killed,
eight wounded and 5 taken prisoners.

CAPTURE OF BRITISH TROOPS.

Lord Roberts telegraphs 5th inst.
that it is supposed, three companies
of the Irish Rifles, and two companies
of the 9th mounted infantry were
surrounded by a strong Boer force
near Riddersburg, to the eastward of
Bethany station. The British resisted
from noon of the 3rd until 9 a.m. on
the 4th inst. when they must have
surrendered. General Gatacre who
was despatched to Riddersburg found
no trace of them and they are doubt-
less all prisoners.

CASUALTIES AT THE RECENT AMBUSCADE.

The casualties at the late ambushade
amounted to 485, viz.—8 killed, 75
wounded and 352 missing.

ESCAPE OF BOER PRISONERS.

LONDON, APRIL 7th.

A determined attempt at escape
has been made by the Boer prisoners
at Simonstown.

Reuter's correspondent at Bloem-
fontein wires that parties of Boers
have been seen in the environs of
the town.

LOSS OF A LINER.

PASSENGERS ALL SAVED.

The liner *Mexican* sunk two days
out from Capetown after colliding
with a transport. The passengers,
amounting to 112, were all landed.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

On the 8th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
risen on the China coast, particularly in the
north. The depression has moved into the
Pacific to the E. of Japan, and the highest
pressure lies over N.E. China. Gradients slight
to moderate for E. winds on the China coast.
FORECAST:—E. winds, freshening; cooler,
some rain or mist.

On the 9th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
fallen quickly on the E. coast of China, risen
slightly on the S. coast. Another depression
appears to be moving Eastwards in Shantung.
Gradients moderate to slight for S. winds on
the China coast. FORECAST:—Light or mode-
rate S. winds; showery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Russian battleship *Petrovavsk* left here
yesterday afternoon for the north.

ONE case of plague, and one death are reported
for the twenty-four hours preceding noon of the
6th inst.

CAPTAIN D. Macdonald, Hongkong Volunteer
Corps, has been granted twelve months leave
of absence.

SATURDAY, the 14th inst. has been appointed
a public holiday by Government in addition to
Easter Monday.

Mr. J. R. Crock has been elected a member
of the Church Body during the absence of
Commander R. M. Rumsey.

THE Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr.
Michel Oustinev to act as Consul for Russia
at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's
signature.

THE appointment of Mr. H. G. Nicolle to be an
Official Member of the Legislative Council dur-
ing the absence of Commander Rumsey, R.N.,
is notified in the *Gazette*.

HER Majesty has not been advised to exercise
Her power of disallowance with respect to Or-
dinance No. 38 of 1899, an Ordinance to amend
the Companies Ordinance, 1877.

THE U. S. Government has been approached
as to the price of provisions etc. in Manila.
An appeal, which is well supported, points out
that the cost of living is even higher now than
during the siege of 1898.

EARLY this morning three men armed with
revolvers boarded a fishing junk in Hung-hom
Bay, and having assaulted two women whom
they found thereon decamped with clothing,
money, and jewellery to the value of \$100.

CAPTAIN SMITH, formerly of the *Taksang*,
which arrived from Bangkok on Saturday, died
on the voyage up from cholera, and was buried
at Puluwang on the 1st inst. His widow resides
in Shanghai. Captain Smith was many years
on the Yangtze. The *Taksang* was quarantined
on arrival.

AT the monthly picnic in connection with "C"
Machine Gun Company of the Hongkong
Volunteer Corps yesterday, the "Stewart" Cup
for volley-firing, was won by Sergeant Bevan's
team, which was composed of the same men
as won on the last occasion when the Sergeant
was absent.

THE Post Office will be closed on Good Friday,
13th inst., except from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday,
14th inst., except from 7 to 11.30 a.m., and on
Easter Monday, 16th inst., except from 8 to
9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open. The
Money Order office will be entirely closed for
the three days.

U. S. S. *Undunted*, Captain Arthur Clarke,
helped to make Shanghai a little livelier yester-
day with her liberty jacks and marines, says
a Shanghai paper of 4th instant. Unfortunately
she could not come over the bar at Woonung,
and to-day she goes up to Weihaiwei, doing
escort duty for the dredger.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the
City Hall Library and Museum for the week
ended 8th April are:—

	Library.	Museum.
Europeans	389	189
Chinese	91	2,252
Totals	480	2,441

THE note that, owing to the late rains we have
had, the grass sowing on the front of the old
Kowloon City fort has most of it tobogganed
down into the road. As it appears to have
been laid on the earthwork with a layer of dust
and rubbish between, this is not surprising.
We are glad to see that, presumably, the old
guns are to be replaced on the fort.

THE inhabitants of D'Agular Street are all
bemoaning their hard fate. Since the recent
change in ownership of the premises they have
all had their rents DOUBLED. The rack-rent-
ing in Hongkong is certainly crying evil, and,
unfortunately, the demand for houses exceeds
the supply, so that the poor tenant has but two
alternatives—either to pay up and look pleasant,
or clear out.

A WUCHANG dispatch received by the Shang-
hai mandarin reports the arrival at the city on
the evening of the 27th ultimo of Li Ping-heng
who was last winter appointed Inspector-Gen-
eral of the naval and military forces in the
Yangtze Valley. As a protest against all inno-
vations from the despised West, Li Ping-heng
travelled overland all the way from Peking via
Honnai, but it is significant that his houseboat
was finally towed by a steam launch sent by
Viceroy Chang when crossing the Yangtze over
to Wuchang.

THE Kowloon City Hotel, in spite of its (at
present) rather out of the way position, seems
to be pretty well patronized. We called in
there the other day, and were quite surprised at
the neat way it has been altered and decorated.
It really reminds one of an old-fashioned
English village inn, especially some of the
timber and plaster ones to be seen in Shrop-
shire. We believe Mr. Woodcock is about to
build a bathing stage or pontoon, with dressing
rooms etc. This should prove an attraction,
during the summer, and it is also a very safe
beach for bathing from.

AN inquest was held at the Magistracy this
morning touching the death of a prisoner named
Lo Pook, who was undergoing a sentence of
three months for larceny. It seems that, shortly
after five o'clock on the morning of the 3rd inst.,
the deceased was being taken along a side-
walk together with some other prisoners when
his foot caught in some piping and he fell a dis-
tance of about 11 feet and severely injured his
head. On the 7th inst. the man died. Dr. Bell
made a post-mortem examination of the body
yesterday, and found that the man had died
from hemorrhage on the left side of the brain.
A verdict in accordance with the medical evi-
dence was returned.

AN impudent robbery took place in the Hong-
kong Hotel last night. A gentleman who was
playing billiards had thrown his coat on to a
chair. Wishing to know the time he went to
look at his watch, which he had left in his coat
pocket, and found that it had been taken away.
Suspecting Su On, a billiard-marker, he gave
him into custody. When taken to the General
Police Station, the prisoner said that if an
officer would return with him to the hotel he
would show him where the watch was. Sergeant
Morrison accordingly accompanied him to the
hotel, and the prisoner took the watch out of
his box. The prisoner was brought up at the
Magistracy this morning.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that the *Tweed*
and a torpedo-boat have been recently sent to
the West River to look for pirates these gentry
seem to be as audacious as ever. When near
the Wong Mun Pass on Saturday Captain
Sherman was fired upon from two boats filled
with armed men, who, however, cleared away
after he had fired two or three shots at them.

OWING to the Easter holidays Sir John Worrell
Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice of the
Supreme Court, Hongkong, has ordered the
next Criminal Sessions to commence on Thurs-
day, the 19th instant instead of on Wednesday,
the 18th instant which latter date is the usual
one for the commencement of the Criminal
Sessions in each month.

We understand that an English author, Mr.
William Le Queux, will, by permission of the
Russian Government, travel in Siberia, in-
specting the Trans-Siberian railway and the
penal settlements. He will afterwards publish
the results of his journey in book form. He
is to travel by the new railway to Irkutsk, and
from there to Vladivostok by the Great Post
Road.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Neithersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donation to the
funds of the Hospitals:—

Tsai Tse Mei	\$25
A Patient	20
Li Tuk Yung	10

\$55

YESTERDAY being the 82nd birthday of the aged
King of Denmark and Father of our beloved
Princess of Wales, the ships dressed and
the Danish Consulate was also decorated for the
occasion; at 12 o'clock noon a royal salute
was fired. Prince Waldemar, who had just
returned from a trip up North, arrived in time
to see the honour paid to his aged relative,
which must have been very gratifying to him.

We notice that the Supreme Court Building,
having failed to add to the European death-rate
by killing jurors and members of the Bar from
exposure to the elements during the winter, is
now attempting the lives of harmless pedestrians
by precipitating masses of plaster onto the foot-
path. Might we suggest to the D. P. W. that
the building be put under restraint by means
of a few patches before some local celebrity is
killed.

CONCERT AT ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.

(Continued.)

The concert given in the Hall of St. Patrick's
Club on Saturday last, for the benefit of the
Club, was an encouraging attempt, and every
well-wisher present must have gone home
entirely satisfied with the proceedings, which
beginning at 9 p.m., lasted till a little after 11.
The audience consisted mainly of men from
the Army and Navy, and the impromptu pro-
gramme, though prepared as the members of
the Club and their friends stepped in, went off
very smoothly.

Representatives of various sections of the
audience (for the stage was open to all comers)
to contribute to the general movement, which
was enjoyed immensely by some of the "lads."
Several of the singers were repeatedly ap-
plauded and encored, especially when a favo-
rite tune with a chorus was struck and
could be joined in by the audience.

Three prizes were awarded: (1) to the best
Comic Singer (P. O'Neale, R.M.L.I.), (2) to
the best Sentimental Singer (Rombdr. Perigo,
R.A. and (3) to the best Step-dancer (L.S.
Yallop, *Centurion*). The three above named
were adjudged the winners, though others did
really well in their respective parts.

Two very pleasant hours were brought to a
close by Mr. Forbes dividing the prizes to
the winners, wishing the Club prosperity and
greater success yet in future concerts, and
finally by giving well-deserved praise to the
pianist, Corpl. Bright, R.M.L.I., who showed a
considerable amount of skill at the instrument.
"God save the Queen" by over 150 voices
was then sung.

We believe the existence of St. Patrick's
Club is very little known in Hongkong, or it
would be more frequented and patronized.
The convenience of the site (three minutes
from the lower terminus of the tramway),
the surroundings, as also the intended im-
provements to the club room, (concerts
proving a success) should induce civilians,
Soldiers, Sailors and others, irrespective of
 creed or nationality, to become members thereof.
The Club is open every day from 8 a.m. to
11.30 p.m. and the subscription is only 25 cents
per month. It possesses two billiard tables,
sundry other games, and quite a collection of
reviews, magazines, etc.

WARREN'S CIRCUS.

others that promise to captivate the most sombre and stoical.

The passengers arrived to-day par S.S. *Ernest Simon*, while the plant, paraphernalia, horses, dogs, &c. are arriving per *Nippon*.

The box plan has been placed with Messrs. Cotam & Co. where the booking is going on apace for the grand opening performance.

The preliminary announcement of prices, location, &c. appears in our advertisement column's to-day.

A MARVELLOUS EXHIBITION.

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. Sid Black, the Champion Bicycle Trick Rider, gave his last exhibition in this Colony on the Hongkong Football Club's grounds. The commencement of the performance was for 4.30, but quite a long time before it commenced the Grand Stand was fairly packed to its utmost capacity, while many gentlemen gave up their seats to ladies and went down into the enclosure.

We were afterwards informed that the number of spectators must have been very near 700. This number we should say was not much exaggerated.

Mr. Sid Black is an American citizen hailing from Cleveland Ohio, from which city he started in 1896 to make a tour of the world, which when he has visited Shanghai, Yokohama and Nagasaki, he will have accomplished. He is rather tall and slim built and looks somewhere on the shady side of thirty five, but as most of his feats require iron muscles and are most fatiguing, no doubt he is not as young as he looks. He is assisted in his entertainments by Mr. L. H. Jenkins and a clown, who travel around with him. He knows all together 457 different tricks, all of which he has numbered and classified, giving a batch of 73 or 74 at different performances, only using the whole 457 when entered in a competition. We should certainly pity the competitors in such a competition as it was evident that when a well known citizen of this Colony remarked that he's a worker! he was not prevaricating; the perspiration was fairly streaming down Mr. Black's face, although the tricks looked remarkably simple and easy to do. It is one thing to do tricks on a stage, but quite another when they are allowed to be performed on a bicycle, which is a consequence of his own skill and the consequent heaviness and slowness. On Saturday the ground, unless it had actually been under water, could not have been worse, but still the performers surmounted every difficulty. Mr. Black only once falling, in a most difficult trick, standing on the saddle and handle bars; he succeeded the second time and received well merited applause. The character of his tricks is very divergent; the whole number could be witnessed without the interest of the spectator at all abating. Amongst others he made his machine rear (if the expression as regards a bicycle is allowed) back and almost jump, he balanced himself on the saddle head up and head downwards, he climbed through the diamond frame while still, and while in motion, and finally rode round the enclosure on the hind wheel. No doubt that was a "good tempered" trick as an Irishman remarked during the performance. Between the two exhibitions given by Mr. Black, Mr. Jenkins and the clown gave a most amusing exhibition which fairly made those watching them split their sides with laughter.

The entertainment concluded with a polo match played by Messrs. Black and Jenkins. This game is beautifully simple, quite devoid of rules, rather it is not necessary to study them until the would-be player has mastered the art of hitting the ball either with the front or rear wheel. This, to see either Mr. Black or Mr. Jenkins do it, looks quite easy, but we were informed that rewards of £10 and £1 had been offered at Johannesburg to any one who could hit the ball either with the rear or front wheel respectively, and there was not a single successful aspirant. This offer has been made at all the towns Mr. Black has visited, and up till now he has not disbursed anything. Two goal-posts are put up about 18 inches apart, the two sides being at opposite ends of the ring, the ball hit by the bicycle has to be driven through the posts. When a mission make his iron steed kick like a mule and buck like a Texan pony he can flatter himself he is a don hand at the game. There are a few other little requisites such as coming to a dead stop from a speed of 20 to 30 miles an hour, turning on the axis of the bicycle, standing still on a balance etc., but then these are trifles hardly worth mentioning. The game, however, is very interesting and exciting and ought to become popular. The competitors for the silver medal promised as a prize for trick riding did not put in an appearance. We don't blame them.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 8th instant.....	26
Do. do. during past 24 hours.....	3
Total.....	29
Deaths reported to 8th instant.....	25
Do. do. during past 24 hours.....	3
Total.....	28

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, March 28th.

I think I expressed the opinion that the effect of the late Edict re Boxers would be short-lived, even as I have pointed out, I have been the only one up to this point that something more than mere idle optimism was involved in this. I have all along insisted that the Boxers were a menace and an insult, and should on no account be tolerated, and events are proving that I have not been so ultra sensational after all. The correspondent of the *N. C. D. N.* has treated the matter as a joke; the British Consul here has been "satisfied" all along that there was no cause for uneasiness, and that the "terrible Boxers" were but a handful of foolish boys. The foolish boys however, appear to be waxing pretty bold and pretty troublesome and the latest accounts to hand from two directions are as follows. In connection with the fight which I wired you yesterday, an informant tells me—

"The Boxers attacked the soldiers in the Jehn chi district and used the Hsien official badly, several soldiers being killed, the officer seriously wounded, and the official wounded in the arm. A new plan is to inform the people that the foreigners have sent out a lot of men, preachers and others, to poison the wells. In answer to my letter to the Tai-chien official asking him about the placard posted there some time since, he came in person and declared there were no Boxers in his district. I was not satisfied, so sent a trustworthy native to investigate last week at a place 10 li from here. He found that the Edict denouncing the Boxers had only been posted in one place and then it was only allowed to remain one day and was torn down. In its place six white placards were kept up. Some of our 'enquiries' have had a knife held over them till they swore that they had recanted and would worship the village idols. Then a notice to this effect was posted on each front door by the Boxers. When my man went down there the people recognised my

cart, and immediately there was a cry raised 'Foreign Devil' and a crowd rushed after it. Much disappointment being evinced when it was found to contain only a Chinaman. The placards are written on temple paper showing the priests.

A correspondent from Shanghai writes me:—A band of some seventy men (Boxers) caught and bound two men in a village near Ching-Ping. One was the son, the other a near relative of a church member whose house was last year looted of all its contents. The men's ears were cut off more or less completely, and the men hurried off as captives. After a few days of parleying they were brought back by the local magistrate who is said to have spent Tls. 200. But the band received daily reinforcements, and a few days later plundered four Roman Catholic families only six miles from Liu Ching. It is reported that the soldiers sent to fight them killed 28 Boxers, but I have not heard of their being scattered, neither have the soldiers returned.

MUD-FLAT NORTH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, March 26th, 1900.

Tientsin has had a genuine sensation. The enormous pile of buildings, second only to the Gordon Hall and Astor House, Hotel, and equal to the Imperial Post Office, was discovered to be well on fire in the top story on Wednesday night about 11.30, and by 3 o'clock nothing remained of the great Emporium but the four walls and the smouldering debris. As a fire it was no doubt a great success, and spectators describe it as a grand sight, but those living in the vicinity appreciated the grandeur of the scene less than the danger to their own premises, and had there been a strong wind such as has prevailed lately, half Tientsin might have been laid in ashes. Those connected with the business thought bitterly of their time being thus burnt out for the second time in four years, well knowing that malicious tongues would wag in connection with their misfortune, and their expectation has been fully realized. Plenty of theories have been propounded showing why the fire should have taken place of deliberate intent, though it seems to have escaped notice altogether that the balance sheet and accounts having just been published the object of intentional destruction would be a rather incomprehensible one. An enquiry is, I believe, to be held, and nothing is more desired by the Company, as all the evidence will go to show that the fire was purely and entirely an accident. It appears to have been caused by the stove in the bed room of one of the salesmen, and during his absence a live coal fell out of the stove, which, I believe, an open one, and burnt a hole in the flooring and in this way the fire obtained a good hold on the laths of the next floor ceiling, before discovered. Tientsin having only recently had a water supply, has no very extensive fire appliances, only a hand engine, escape and hose, but it did good service in protecting surrounding buildings. But neither has Tientsin many fires. I think this double conflagration of the Pien in Trading Company are the only cases of any importance for years.

Foreigners were afforded an exceptionally good opportunity on Thursday for seeing what a Chinese funeral of the highest official class is like by H.E. Chang Yi, who obtained permission for the funeral cortege of his late lamented mother to pass through the British Settlement. He issued a notice of the day and hour of the procession in foreign style a few days previously, and there were few foreigners who did not take advantage of the notice to occupy points of vantage along the route. Early in the day an elaborate mat archway was erected across the Victoria Road opposite the China Merchants' premises, fitted with a shrine and the suitable accompaniments of lanterns etc., for the purpose of a wayside sacrifice, and similar halting places were arranged in the Taku Road. The cortege left Chang Yi's residence about 1.30, but long before that hour various portions of it had already taken up position and extended from his residence far beyond the Club. The van included live camels, dragons, deer, and other creatures in various sizes made of green fir sprigs in a manner marvellous to behold; banners of incredible richness, and tablets and flags, followed by a string of the most brilliantly coloured silk umbrellas, extending in one long straggling line of fluttering colour, and flaming streamers, and shining knobs from the archway and past the Astor House. These were stationed near the Gordon Hall for some time and gave those fortunate enough to be stationed there ample time to admire their variety and beauty. Some of them were believed to be hired, but the majority were presentations to the bereaved family, and the rich silk of which they are composed is used for clothing. The clang of gongs near the Hall, and the first notes of a funeral march played by the Public Band, announced the start of the procession, and immediate activity was noticed in the ranks of the umbrellas, borne by scores of green clad bearers. The umbrellas were followed by a long and ever-changing stream of articles representing the personal wealth and possessions of the deceased. Shrubs and flowers in pots and banners innumerable; a body of the Viceroy's braves; mourners in white; clay figures on artificial horses, and being carried by hand representing the personal attendants of the Lady Chang, and all intended to be burnt at her grave. Then came the band, followed almost immediately by a group of foreign mourners, among whom we noticed Messrs. Detring, Drew, Dense, Barry, Moring, von Hanneken, Otten, Baner and Voits, temples of all kinds, in carved wood, of paper flowers, embroidered, and in silk adorned with many glass lanterns and tassels, followed in bewildering sequence, and as the foreign band grew fainter as it passed on down Victoria Road, the clash and squeal of the Chinese Priest bands became more pronounced, until they paused abreast of the Hall and one had time to admire the full deep bass of two mammoth trumpets of bronze borne by two men each and operated upon by two priests whose lungs must have been in the most satisfactory condition. They recalled the trumpets before whose blasts the walls of Jericho fell, and their deep bray was answered by high trilled blasts from smaller instruments in the rear. Several sets of priests were in the procession, at this point, some in yellow, some pink, and others in red and green satin robes with white borders.

Then came H.E. Chang Yi in white sheep-skin robes, white cloth hat, supported by men in white on either hand and followed by the hearse, a magnificent chair-like structure in red silk carried by some sixty bearers in green by means of red lacquer poles. A long string of some sixteen mourning chairs covered with white and followed by outriders in white, brought the procession to a close, and the hearse, preceded by a close guard of children, being indicated by one or two scarlet flowers, at one corner. It is stated that in accordance with Chinese custom, all the personal jewels were buried with the old lady, representing some Tls. 100,000 worth of pearls.

A small steamer of 388 tons burden is now putting in an occasional appearance at the Bund, as the harbinger of better things to come. Mr. Mackintosh, the popular agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank here, is leaving for home with his family next week, and will be missed.

THE LAUNCH OF THE "PIONEER."

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

The beauty and fashion of Shanghai were well represented on board the *Samsun* yesterday afternoon when she started for the Oriental Dock, the guests being received by Mrs. Archibald Little and Mr. Ringer-Thomson of the Yangtze Trading Co., and a short and pleasant run took the large party to the Oriental Dock where the *Pioneer*, the new steamer for the Upper Yangtze, was waiting to be launched. All soon gathered in the yard, supported by a large force of blue-jackets from the U. S. S. *Cassini*, and Mrs. Archibald Little with a few of the spectators mounted the stage at the vessel's bow. There was no time for speechmaking, Mrs. Little promptly broke the bottle of champagne on the *Pioneer's* bow, and the vessel slid gracefully down the ways. Unfortunately, the tide had already begun to fall, and her nose stuck on the mud at the water's edge, but she was soon pulled off by the *Samsun* and brought alongside the dock-head. Meanwhile the party, with the managers of the yard, had gathered in a large upper room decorated with flags, where refreshments were liberally dispensed. Mr. Consul Bourne in a few well-chosen words proposed the health of the *Pioneer* and the well-known pioneer Mr. Archibald Little. Mr. R. W. Little responded for his brother and proposed the health of the Managers of the Yard from which the *Pioneer* had just been launched, and then the party returned to Shanghai.

The *Pioneer* is a steel paddle steamer, built by Wm. Denny & Bros. of Dumbarton, sent out in pieces, and put together here at the Oriental Dock. Her length between perpendiculars is 180 feet, breadth moulded 30 feet, and depth moulded 10 feet. She is to carry 100 tons deadweight on draught of 6 feet and 10 tons of stowage, draught to be 160 tons. She is to have accommodation for 14 first-class, 30 second-class, and 90 third-class passengers. She will be propelled by two sets of diagonal compound, direct-acting surface-condensing paddle engines, with boilers working at 125 lbs. The paddle wheels have feathering flaps, and each pair of engines is completely separate and independent of the other. Each set of engines has two compound cylinders of 184 and 32ins., with a stroke of five feet. It is expected that the *Pioneer* will be ready to make her first trip up the river about the first of May, under the command of Captain Plant.

THE YACHT "TOLNA" WRECKED.

The yacht *Tolna* with Count Festetics on board has been wrecked on the Minicoy islands near Ceylon. The Count and the crew are believed to have got ashore safely.

The *Tolna* was in Hongkong for some considerable time and will doubtless be well remembered by many of our readers.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

SAIGON, March 28th.

The official inauguration of the Universal Exhibition will take place on the 14th April.

WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

From our Exchanges.

No move expected yet.

LONDON, March 22nd.

The *Daily Mail's* correspondent at Bloemfontein states that any movement of the army under Lord Roberts, in the direction of Pretoria, is improbable for three weeks, as negotiations in favour of peace are proceeding. The burghers are surrendering in large numbers, and the pacification of the country round Bloemfontein is proceeding rapidly, small bodies of troops being detached from the main army to collect arms and receive submissions. Presidents Kruger and Steyn are both at Kroonstadt, the newly-declared capital of the Free State, and have made impassioned speeches to their followers not to desert the cause and prove disloyal to their country.

Boers can fight for 6 months.

On Saturday, addressing a large open-air meeting, President Steyn declared that the Boers, if they did not lose heart, could continue to fight for six months. He warned the burghers to disbelieve the promises contained in the proclamation of Lord Roberts. They were never intended to be kept, and were of a piece with the general perjury of England in this war. The Boers have burnt down Pomeroy.

The *Times* correspondent at Springfontein telegraphs that the present submissive temper of the Free State must be accepted with caution, as a large quantity of inferior rifles are being surrendered.

It is reported that General French was engaged to-day to the eastward of Bloemfontein, the object of the movement evidently being to intercept Boers retreating to the north from the Orange River, and who were seen from Basutoland.

A Reuter's despatch from Kroonstadt says that President Steyn has issued a proclamation stating that burghers surrendering to the British will be guilty of high treason.

Mr. Wyndham, replying to a series of questions, said no action was contemplated in regard to General Gough's return home, he said, was due to Lord Methuen's action. Nothing was known to confirm the statement that General Wauchope objected to Lord Methuen's plans at Magersfontein.

Free State Administrator Appointed.

March 24th.

Mr. Fraser, late of the Executive at Cape Town, has been appointed Free State Administrator. The feeling at home for the moment is one of decided expectation.

Large Waggon Convoy.

A Maseru despatch reports that several thousand Boers, with a huge convoy of waggons, conjectured from Stormberg, Bellville, and Norval's Point, is moving from Smithfield to Ladybrand. A number of Basutoland officers occupy the hills to the northwards, and are harrying developments to the British fifty miles away. The native chiefs are collecting on heights, believing a battle imminent.

Boers Eager to Fight.

A Boer despatch from Kroonstadt reports that the burghers on furlough are now returning in numbers eager for fighting, and the Boer commandos at Fauresmith are certainly defiant. This confidence in events is tempered by anxiety as regard Mafeking, where the siege is reported to be relaxing.

How the Boers are hoaxed.

President Kruger has proclaimed that England is in dire straits; the Russians having occupied and annexed London.

Western Australia offers more men.

Mr. Seddon, on behalf of New Zealand; and Lord Tennyson, on behalf of Western Australia, have offered more contingents for South Africa, in case the regulars are wanted for a European war.

A concert at New York, in aid of funds of the hospital ship *Maine* was a brilliant success, the audience being most enthusiastic. The receipts amounted to \$12,000.

More Lyddite.

The *Oriskany*, containing 10,000 rounds of lyddite and several million rounds small arm ammunition, and the *Siberian*, *Briton*, *Umbria*, and *America*, with 2,500 troops, General Sir Frederick Marshall, and 700 nurses, have sailed for the Cape. The *Georgica*, *Tandahon Castle*, *Carthaginian*, *Assay*, *Cyprian*, *Piemont*, and *Paros* have arrived at Cape Town.

Anglophone tendency of foreign opinion is moderating remarkably, although the comments of the Russian Press at times are still malicious. The *Cologne Gazette* admits that Dunn-Dunn bullets have not been used on the British side.

Supporting Sir A. Milner.

March 25th.

The *Daily News* correspondent at the Cape states that Mr. Schreiner, Premier, and members of Cape Ministry, are loyally supporting Sir A. Milner's pacificatory mission in the disaffected districts.

The War Office has made Lord Methuen re-write the Magersfontein despatch, owing to the defects of style and of form in the original. It is supposed that this action has been taken in consequence of parliamentary agitation in favour of Col. Gough.

Party of Officers in Difficulties.

Lord Roberts telegraphs from Bloemfontein on the 24th that yesterday Capt. Trotter, Lieut. E. Lygon, of the Grenadiers, and Col. Codrington, of the Coldstreams, rode out unescorted eight miles beyond camp at Modder River, and were fired on by Boers. Lieut. Lygon was killed, and the others were severely wounded. One officer held up his handkerchief, whereupon the Boers assisted and conveyed them to the nearest farm.

Reuter's Bloemfontein correspondent wires that at Glen siding, fourteen miles north of Bloemfontein, where two Guards regiments are stationed, the officers already mentioned in Lord Roberts' despatch yesterday went for a ride armed only with revolvers. They perceived a small body of Boers retreating, and attempted to head them off, with the results already wired. The Boers subsequently dressed the wounds of the wounded officers, and sent the survivors to the British camp.

Praise from the Kaiser.

In the course of conversation with some high officials at Berlin, the Kaiser is reported to have expressed the highest admiration of the bravery of the Irish regiments.

The correspondent of the *Times* at Bloemfontein, in referring to the halt which has taken place in the advance and which is causing some anxiety at home, says that time is necessary for the proclamation to make itself felt. The line of communication would be endangered unless the territory behind the advancing army were rendered secure. The utmost caution was needed in dealing with apparently loyal Boers—those who have been surrendering at Philippolis—which has just been occupied by General Clements. Generally throughout the country they are very sullen, and cannot be trusted to keep the oath they have taken under compulsion.

The Boers are rapidly concentrating forces at Kroonstadt, and are preparing to offer a strenuous resistance to the further British advance.

Since the surrender of General Cronje, a marked change for the better is reported in the British prisoners at Pretoria.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

APRIL.		
Meteorological notes based on ten years' observations to 1893.		
Barometer.....	30.059	
Thermometer.....	62.0	
Humidity.....	85.0	
Rainfall.....	4.08	
TO-DAY.		
Barometer.....	29.97	
Temperature.....	75	79
Humidity.....	74	83
Rainfall.....	—	—
TO-DAY.		
Monday, 9th April, 1900.		

Chinese—10th of 3rd moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.		
Sun—Rises.....	5hr. 49min.	
Set.....	6hr. 10min.	
High water—Morning.....	5hr. 27min.	
Afternoon.....	7hr. 33min.	
Low water—Morning.....	0hr. 0min.	
Afternoon.....	0hr. 36min.	

ANNIVERSARIES.

1626—Lord Bacon died.

1854—Siege of Sebastopol re-opened.

1865—Surrender of Lee and his army to General Grant.

1897—Greek irregulars gave battle to the Turks at Messora.

1898—Wongang declared a treaty port. Spain offers Armistice to Cuban insurgents.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 10th April, 1900.		
Chinese—11th of 3rd moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.		
Sun—Rises.....	5hr. 46min.	
Set.....	6hr. 10min.	
High water—Morning.....	6hr. 55min.	
Afternoon.....	8hr. 22min.	
Low water—Morning.....	1hr. 22min.	
Afternoon.....	1hr. 47min.	

ANNIVERSARIES.

1814—Battle of Toulouse.

1865—Suez Canal opened.

1896—Dinner given to Sir Claude MacDonald by the China Association, Shanghai.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.		
8.30 for 9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Victoria Priory at the Freemasons' Hall.		
TO-MORROW.		
5 p.m.—C. & M. S. Co's steamer <i>Diamante</i> leaves for Manila.		
C. N. steamer <i>Whampoa</i> leaves for Singapore &c.		
WEDNESDAY, 11th.		
5 p.m.—I. C. S. N. Co's steamer <i>Loongang</i> leaves for Manila.		
Noon—C. N. Co's steamer <i>Chinglu</i> leaves for Australian Ports.		

THURSDAY, 12th.

Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co.

Noon—J. C. S. N. Co's steamer *Kuansang* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

C. N. steamer *Nanchang* leaves for Tientsin.

FRIDAY, 13th.

Good Friday.

18th—Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association at Kowloon.

SATURDAY, 14th.

18th—Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association at Kowloon.

Noon—3rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Punjion Mining Co., Ltd.

SUNDAY, 15th.

(About) D. & Co's steamer *Pathan* leaves for New York via Suez Canal.

MONDAY, 16th.

Easter Monday.

18th—Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association at Kowloon.

TUESDAY, 17th.

O. S. Co's steamer *Hector* leaves for Liverpool (direct).

O. S. Co's *Providence* leaves for London via Suez Canal.

WEDNESDAY, 18th.

12.15 p.m.—Extraordinary Meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

p.m.—Grand Entertainment under Distinguished Patronage, in aid of Indian Famine Fund and City Hall.

Cargo ex *Thorid* subject to rent.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.		
English (<i>Chusan</i>) 13th inst.		
American (<i>City of Peking</i>) 14th inst.		
Canadian (<i>Empress of India</i>) 16th inst.		
German (<i>Prinzess</i>) 17th inst.		
American (<i>Gaelic</i>) 20th inst.		
American (<i>Hongkong Maru</i>) 28th inst.		

The N. P. S. Co's steamer *Glenogle*, arrived at Kobe and sails for Hongkong on the 10th inst.

The steamer *Idonensis*, left Singapore on the 8th inst., and is due here on or about 13th inst.

The N. P. S. Co's steamer *Takama*, arrived at Yokohama and sails for Hongkong on the 10th inst.

The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Tanahulu*, left Singapore to-day is due in Hongkong on the 14th inst.

The steamer *Pinguey*, from Glasgow and Liverpool left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 7th inst., and may be expected here on, or about the 13th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Chusan*, left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., at noon with the Outward English Mails, and is due here on the 13th inst., at about 8 a.m.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co's R.M.S. *Empress of India*, arrived at Yokohama at 7.30 a.m. to-day the 9th inst., and leaves for Kobe at 2 p.m., where she is due to arrive at 1 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Doric*, with Mails &c., which left hence March 10th for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and San Francisco, arrived at Yokohama, and is due to arrive at 9 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co's R.M.S. *Empress of China*, arrived at Shanghai on Saturday at 5.30 a.m. the 7th inst., and left on Sunday at 2 p.m., the 8th inst., for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m. the 9th inst., and leaves again at 6.30 p.m., for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 9 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPONG DOCK RETURNS.		
<i>Isla de Cuba</i>	at Kowloon Dock.	
H.M.S. <i>Warrior</i>	" "	
H.M.S. <i>Sandpiper</i>	" "	
<i>Taiyuan</i>	" "	
<i>Aufing</i>	" "	
<i>Taitse</i>	" "	
<i>D. Juan d'Austria</i>	Cosmopolitan	
<i>Hong Leung</i>	Aberdeen	

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—31st March—*Bayern*, *Pyrrhus*, *Awa Maru*, 4th April—*Indranil*, *Laos*, *Gisela*, *Salahudin*, *Westphalia*.

Homeward—31st March—*Chingwa*, *Patricius*, *Sacra*, *Abey Holme*, 6th April—*Ceylon*, *Dionet*, *Aker*, *Roma*.

Arrivals at Home—4th April—*Cowrie*, *Khalid*, *Stentor*, *Wakasa Maru*, 6th April—*Triede*, *Bayern*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, P. Hemmet, 7th April, Hoilo 3rd April, Wood—Jensen & Co.

HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985, C. Ipland, 7th April, Saigon 3rd April, Rice and General—Jensen & Co.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, P. Brandt, 7th April, C. Toulon 5th April, Rice and General—Siemssen & Co.

BANKRU MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,449, C. Hiko, 7th April, Hongay 4th April, Coal.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

TONKIN, French steamer, 2,327, C. Vaquier, 8th April, Yokohama and Shanghai 5th April, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,774, L. Möller, 8th April, Bangkok 1st April, Rice.—Jensen & Co.

KWANG LEE, Chinese steamer, 1,505, R. L. Lincol, 8th April—Shanghai 4th April,

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company No. 9 Praya Central on THURSDAY, 12th April, 1900 at NOON, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution at a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

"That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$100, each fully paid up."

NOTE.—Shareholders on the Register on the 10th April, 1900 will be entitled upon application made on or before the 31st May, 1900 and upon payment of \$10 for every share applied for to one New Share for every old share standing in their respective names.

Should any share be not applied for on or before the 31st July, 1900 the General Managers will deal with such shares as they may think fit.

Shares applied for between the 31st May and the 31st July will be subject to interest at \$12 per annum.

With reference to the foregoing notice, the Register of Shares will be CLOSED from the 9th to 11th day of April, 1900, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [431b]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Connaught Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1900, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 50,000 New Shares of \$50 each.

2.—That such New Shares be issued at a Premium of \$25 per Share and be allotted to the Shareholders of the Company in the proportion of One New Share for every Two Shares now held by them.

3.—That the Amount due for the New Shares be called up as follows, viz:—\$20 per Share on the 1st July, 1900, to rank for Six months Dividend out of the Profits of the Year 1900, and the remaining \$5 per Share on the 1st October, 1900.

Dated the 29th March, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Company's Hotel on TUESDAY, the 24th April, 1900, at 12 O'clock (NOON), when the Subjoined Resolution which was passed at the extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th day of March, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as a special Resolution.

"That the New Regulations already approved by this meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be, and the same are, hereby approved, and that such Regulations be, and the same are, hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Company to the exclusion of all the existing Regulations thereof."

A copy of the proposed new Regulations may be seen at the Company's Office, and can be obtained by application to the Under signed.

Dated Hongkong, the 2nd day of April, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
G. MOONEY,
Secretary.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE "CHEONG FAT" FERRY CO. LIMITED.
Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, whereby the Liability of each Shareholder is limited to the Amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL \$100,000
In 4,000 fully paid up Shares of \$25 each of which 1,000 Shares will be offered for Subscription.

Terms for Subscription:—\$5 on Application \$10 on Allotment.

Balance at call in Instalments. One Month's Notice to be given in respect of each Instalment called up.

Applications for Shares accompanied by a Deposit of \$5 per Share must be sent in to the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, on or before 18th of April, 1900.
For Forms of Application, apply to the General Managers.

Board of Directors.

Mr. LOO KOON-TING of Kwong Wing Sang Firm.

Chan Kai-ming of Opium Farm.

HU SHUN-CHUN of Opium Farm.

TAM TZE-KONG of Chai On Insurance Co., Ltd.

CHAN HE-WAN of Chai On Insurance Co., Ltd.

LAI SIU-TUNG of Tin Shing Shop.

YUNG CHOW-PONG of Deutsch Asiatische Bank.

TO YING-TING of Lauts, Wegener & Co.

J. T. LAUTS of Lauts, Wegener & Co.

Bankers.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Solicitors: Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES AND MASTER.

General Managers: Messrs. LAUTS, WEGENER & CO.

The Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying passengers between Hongkong and Yau Ma Tei and such other places as may from time to time appear to promise satisfactory results and assist in meeting the demands of the growing passenger traffic from and to Hongkong and the East and West River of Canton.

Arrangements have been made to commence business at once with a Ferry Service between Yau Ma Tei and Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [447b]

Intimations.

THE PUMJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [391b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed.

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$1,500,000 be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of \$12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [403b]

WANTED.

A COPY of the Local "HANSARD," 1891-2.

Address: J. J. F. Office of This Paper.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1900.

WANTED.

A FEW BOARDERS (GENTLEMEN) Central Position on low level; good accommodation with use of Billiard Table and select Library.

Apply REN, c/o This Paper.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [435b]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 362 for TEN SHARES of this Company, numbered 7105 to 7114, and dated the 20th May, 1893, in the name of FUNG WA CHUN, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.

By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [412b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the Company, numbered 28924, 28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [409b]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

FIRE, MARINE AND TYPHOON.

Capital \$25,000,000.

Total Assets exceed \$45,000,000.

Total Annual income exceed \$10,000,000.

THE OFFICES of the HONGKONG BRANCH of the above Company have been REMOVED to No. 7, DES VUEX ROAD, CENTRAL, (late Praya Central), First floor, lately occupied by the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

W. H. T. DAVIS, Local Manager.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [420b]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1899. [30]

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GODOWNS—Nos. 80a and 82, PRAYA EAST.

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Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. [12]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HAKATA MARU..... F. L. Sommer	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	WEDNESDAY, 11th April, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU..... J. S. Thompson	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	FRIDAY, 13th April, at Daylight.
*KINSHU MARU..... W. Brady	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via AMOY, SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	FRIDAY, 20th April, at Daylight.
KASUGA MARU..... E. W. Haswell	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	SATURDAY, 21st April, at Noon.
MIKE MARU..... S. Kawanura	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	TUESDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
MIKAWA MARU..... M. Takahashi	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI.....	TUESDAY, 24th April, at 4 P.M.
YAMATA MARU..... A. E. Moses	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.....	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.
BINGO MARU..... M. Nivison	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE ON-TYNE, and ANTWERP, via STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Daylight.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [6]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)



HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
*HEIDELBERG..... Zacharine	HAVRE and HAMBURG.....	10th April, Freight and Passage.
*SIBIRIA..... Braun	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.....	24th April, Freight and Passage.
*KONIGSBERG..... Christiansen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.....	About 12th May, Freight and Passage.
BAMBERG..... Jacobs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.....	About 20th May, Freight.
ANDALUSIA..... Schnefeldt	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.....	About 30th May, Freight.

These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA. U.S. MAIL LINE.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

THE Steamship "AMERICA MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

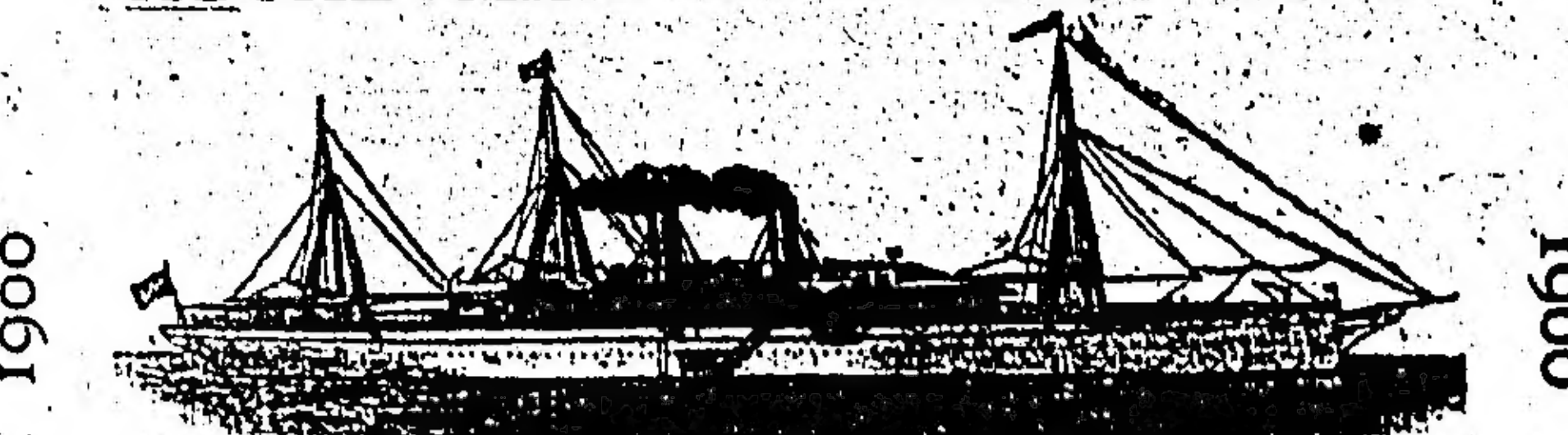
Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 8 and 12 months.

SPECIAL FARES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedlar's Street.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Enterprise..... 3,177 on April 12

Carlisle City..... 3,002 about April 30

Strathgyle..... 5,023 about May 10

Belgian King..... 3,370 about June 5

Thyra..... 3,812 about July 8

THE Steamship "ENERGIA" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 12th April.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States. Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [28]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAM

ABORTIVE RIOT AT WEIHWAI.

The following private letter, dated Weihsai the 26th of March, has been kindly placed at our disposal:

"We had a very funny show here to-day, which I would not have missed for a lot. It seems that the country round here is rather unsettled, and the Chinese don't care to pay our taxes and so on. They are said to be steadily arming and preparing to resist our people and, even like the Boers, to drive us into the sea. Well, word came that there was to be a big meeting of malcontents at a village some 8 miles from here about noon to-day. The utmost secrecy was preserved as to our plans, and at the usual time we fell in, served out rounds of ball ammunition to each man, and off we went about 120 strong, not including, of course, some 70 or 80 of the last recruits. We arrived at the place fight in time and found from 600 to 700 of all sorts there. They took but little interest in our arrival as far as we could see, and made no attempt either to look on or resist. They just stood and looked on while we went through them and quietly drew our guns and aimed at them. We had heard that there was a considerable number of foreigners among them, so that as we approached we did not know when they might open fire. As soon as our 420 had surrounded their 700 or so, the talkative started up. One of the leaders told the Colonel that if he got off his horse he would then talk to him. Needless to say the Colonel remained mounted! Three of the ringleaders, who are large land-owners near about, were arrested and then we set about disarming the mob. At one time it looked as if there would be a riot, and several revolvers looked at the crowd; wiser counsels, however, seemed to prevail and disarmament began. We never saw a fanner sight. The majority were matchlocks of sorts, but mostly matchless. There were one or two gas-pipes like our old Brown Bess, one or two gun-barrels without any stock or wood-work at all, and in addition my company captured three cannon of sorts. You never saw a fanner sight in your life. In addition to these suicidal weapons, there were spears unnumbered, with all sorts of shaped heads, some with a wooden point, some with spikes, lances, old swords, bayonets on poles, besides flags and banners to beat the band. Also a large drum. The first man I disarmed was a very big chap, with a gun at least 12 feet long from butt to muzzle and a rusty old sword. He declined to part for some time, but one of my men punched him in the back with the butt of his rifle and he 'coughed.' Our men behaved beautifully and showed not the least sign of siding with the mob or of disobeying our orders. You may bet it was a risky business from the start, for we did not know but that these blades might not 'show fight' and that our cases might not care to fire on them. From their behaviour to-day, I have personally, every confidence that they would have played the game even to the point of firing on the mob, but I am glad this was not necessary, for I should have felt real mean to have had to order a slaughter of the silly people with their takes, their hoes, and their old gas pipes. Had they put up a bit of fight it would, of course, have been different, and we should all have liked to share in the fun.—N. C. D. News.

AN APOLOGUE FOR KANG YU-WEI.

(Contributed.)

In the Times' issue of the 17th of January there is printed an article from their correspondent at Paris on the subject of Mahomed Pasha. In reading over the article, the thought struck the writer that the condition and environments of Mahomed Pasha and Kang Yu-wei, the Chinese reformer, were so similar, that were the latter able to express himself in a European tongue, he would probably make his *apologie* to the world as follows:

"Yes, I feel my country and my flight is poignant, and the crisis through which my country is passing, for the whole nation—I am speaking of those who are not flitting themselves at its expense by the blind favour of the Mistress—is politically captive. The Empress Dowager keeps everybody in political fetters, from the Emperor Kuang Hsi to the meanest coolie in Canton or Shanghai. These officials and scholars who have acquired a measure of Western learning and advocate the cause of Reform she either executes, imprisons, or exiles to the remotest frontier. She keeps her hands on Kuang Hsi, the legitimate Sovereign who has lost all his liberties."

"She persecutes any and every one who dares offer opinion or advice and she even surreptitiously encourages her fanatical subjects to acts of gross violence and bloodshed against foreigners and native Christians. Those Generals who would and could put down anarchy and protect foreigners she holds in leash. Whatever she has not directly under her hand frightens her, and whatever she does have in hand appears to her menacing at the slightest sign of individual will on its part. She is a thought-out her own (old) Jung Lu. She is truly the Witch of Terror and this fact haunts her even as it does others."

"Yes, I have temporarily quitted my country, and it is because of this that I can and dare proclaim to the world the burden under which my countrymen's soul is bending. I have quitted my country because I have not a soul slavish enough to die to appease the unrighteous wrath of a usurper, and to gratify her bloodthirsty lust for revenge. When an Empress learned that I had succeeded in getting out of the capital, she did everything—even things the most absurd, such as stopping the trains and dispatching a torpedo-boat to chase my steamer to secure my arrest. She quite lost her head; and as if the Empress's supreme interests depended on my capture, she stooped to the basest calumnies to effect her object. She accused me of attempting to poison my liege sovereign; of heading a conspiracy for the subversion of the Manchu dynasty and the overthrow of the existing Empire. To secure my poor body, she sent her emissaries to Japan, and such is her implacable hatred that she even dispatched her faithful henchman, the aged Li Hung-chang, to compass my arrest."

"But, and I swear it, I have committed no crime; the lamentations of my devoted countrymen at my enforced exile, and their undiminished anxiety for my safety are proof sufficient that it is not a criminal whom they deplore."

"I have only endeavoured to serve my country. I have simply placed my humble talents at my master's disposal. I have exhorted him to remove the throttle valve on Progress and Reform which has been screwed on so tightly by the enemies of the Empire. I have pleaded with Princes and Ministers and officials to cast off the garment of tradition and antiquity, and put on the illumined robe of the 19th century. I have merely sought for the ultimate welfare of my country and my fellow-men. In what way can my actions be construed into crimes? I championed the cause of economy. This sufficed to turn all the metropolitan elements against me. I advocated the expediency of reforms in the educational, fiscal, and administrative systems of the country. This at once raised the ire of all those who are selfishly interested in the maintenance of the present

regime. I advised an enlightened, liberal policy in our international relations, and a tolerant attitude toward Christianity. This, again, seemed to blast me in the eyes of the Empress Dowager and her cohorts."

"I have been charged with a scheme to overthrow the Empire and establish a republic in its place, with myself as the first President and my friends the first Cabinet, and to support this charge, forged letters have been adduced as proof. But to those who know me the knowledge of my wholehearted devotion to my Emperor will be sufficient refutation of the charge."

"Now in view of all this, no wonder my heart is bleeding for my country's woes. The Empress Dowager has eyes and will not see, or will see only what pleases her, and she has ears to hear only what appeals to her vanity. She has natural intelligence and shrewdness, but lacks worldly wisdom. Worst of all, the successor she has chosen in His Majesty Kuang Hsi is only an intellectual weakling, and is being moulded to follow in the footsteps of his protectress and her advisers. Should nothing occur to thwart this madcap scheme, woes unutterable will be my country's fate. Alas! my poor Master who abode in my fatherland! How long must my nation be buffeted by her capricious and corrupt rulers? The meanest foreigner inhabiting the Empire has his tribunals, and Consuls and Ambassadors to protect him; the Ta Tsing subject alone has none to protect him, and there is none—may, not even the despised helms—whose political status is not the subject. But I shall not rest. My nation is gentle, sober, patient, industrious—not many races equal, and none surpass it in these qualities. Its defects are due to its injudicious training, but it is capable of immeasurable improvements. It is a splendid flock, led or rather misled by incompetent and unworthy shepherds. So long as the present chaos reigns, Europe will be able to obtain what she wants at the hands of the imbecile Government at Peking. She will, therefore, maintain the spectator-like attitude, waiting for the consummation of the inevitable cataclysm, and then claim her share of the spoil. This is especially true of Russia and France, and in a less degree of Germany, whose earth hunger must be satisfied.—N. C. D. News.

A FITTING TRIBUTE.

A very handsome cross has been erected in the Old Cemetery, Shanghai, over the grave of Mr. George R. Corner. The pedestal bears the following inscription:—

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
GEORGE RICHARD CORNER
RESIDENT IN SHANGHAI
FOR 38 YEARS
DIED DEC. 4TH 1898
AGED 64
"EVER FAITHFUL EVER SURE"
THIS STONE IS ERECTED BY
THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN
TOKEN OF APPRECIATION OF
HIS INTEREST AND WORK IN
THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
PUBLIC GARDENS.

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ANNUAL CHEAP SALE.

FINE JAPANESE GOODS,
during 20 Days only, com-
mencing from 25th March.
D. NOMA,
No. 12, Beaconsfield Arcade,
Opposite the City Hall,
Hongkong, 26th March, 1900.

BREAD! BREAD!! BREAD!!!

MR. H. RUTTONJEE begs to inform his numerous Patrons that he is now prepared to deliver BREAD in WANGHAI and the EAST END of the City between the hours of 6 and 7 A.M.

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Premises and under the Superintendence of
YUEN LEE.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

NOTICE.
Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the
OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any
DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews
of the following Vessels during their stay in
Hongkong Harbour:
DIEGO, Amer. ship, Goodwin—Standard Oil
Co.,
GEO. T. RAY, British ship, Spicer—Siemens
& Co.,
IRIS, British bark, W. Wright—Siemens &
Co.

Entimation.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
PROGRAMME
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL PRIZE
MEETING
TO BE HELD AT
KOWLOON,
ON
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
13th, 14th and 16th April, 1900.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
H.E. SIR HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,
and
H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL GASCOIGNE, C.M.G.

1.—Queen's—Distance 200 yards. Members
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cents. Three prizes value 50 per cent. of
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Standing or Kneeling.

2.—Ladies'—Open to Lady Members
or their Nominations. Distance 200
yards. No. of Shots—Seven. No En-
trance fee. Prizes presented. Position—
Standing or Kneeling.

3.—Queen's—Distance 500 yards. Members
only. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance 50
cents. Three prizes value 50 per cent. of
entries, with \$10.00 added.

4.—Queen's—Distance 600 yards. Members
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5.—Queen's—Distance 700 yards; members only.
No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance 50 cents.
Three prizes value 50 per cent. of the
entries, with \$10.00 added. Carabines
allowed 4 points.

6.—Queen's—Distance 800 yards. Members
only. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance 50
cents. Three prizes value 50 per cent. of
entries, with \$10.00 added. Carabines
allowed 5 points.

7.—Queen's Aggregate—For competitors whose
respective scores in the Queen's Events
make up the highest aggregate. Entrance
\$1. Prizes to be selected by winners in
order of merit as laid down by Rule 12 in
Ladies' Competition.

8.—All Comers—Competitions for All Comers.
Rifles or Carabines, will take place sim-
ultaneously with the foregoing events at
the 200, 500, 600, 700, and 800 yards
ranges. Number of shots—Five at each
range. Three prizes at each range value
7 per cent. of the entries. Tickets will
be obtainable at the Firing Points. Sight-
ing shots as per Rule 9.

9.—All Comers' Aggregate—Entrance \$1.00
conditions as in No. 7.

10.—Revolver Competition—Unlimited entries
20 cents each. Noon to 4.30 p.m. Distance
30 yards. Position Standing; No rests
allowed. Any Revolver of 45 Calibre and
upwards. Three prizes.

CONDITIONS.

1.—Entries will be received by the under-
signed at the address given up to noon on the
13th inst., and in the Committee tent on the
Range up to 11 a.m. on Friday, the 13th inst.
In all cases, the entry form must be accom-
panied by the requisite fees, and the subscrip-
tion for the current year if not paid.

2.—In all competitions, three competitors
must enter or there will be no first prize, four
or no second, six or no third, and so on.

3.—Competition No. 2—The Ladies' No-
mination—is open to Members, nominated by
Lady Members, present in the Colony at the
time of nomination. No Lady to nominate
more than one representative, nor any member
to shoot for more than one Lady.

4.—Rifles—English Service Rifle or Carbine
only to be used. Pull off 6-lbs. Rifles may
be tested before, and/or after shooting.

5.—Sights—Slips of paper or other substance
capable of being shifted, and sliding win-
dows on Rifles or Carabines are not allowed.

6.—Position—Any, except in Competition
No. 1 and 2 when the member must stand or
kneel whilst shooting.

7.—A limited amount of 303 cordite ammu-
nition will be provided on payment, and may be
obtained at the Committee tent on the range,
but Competitors are recommended to bring
their own.

8.—Competitors can shoot in any match at
any time during the Meeting unless otherwise
specified. Members shooting for the Queen's
Events will have precedence over All Comers
and others at each range.

9.—Two sighting shots—tickets price 10 cents
each to be obtained at the Committee tent—
will be allowed at each range in every competi-
tion, except No. 10.

10.—Range-keepers (on the day on which
they have kept, or are detailed to keep a range,
for not less than 14 hours) and the Hon.
Secretaries will have precedence over other members.

11.—Firing entries to commence at 9.30 a.m.
and cease at, or about, but not later than 5.30
p.m.

12.—Competition No. 2 will be fired between 3
and 5.30 o'clock on Monday, 16th April, weather
permitting, during which time all other Com-
petitions will be required to cease.

Lady Winners, in order of merit, shall be
permitted to select their prizes, provided that
they, or some persons authorized by them,
attend at the Committee tent at the conclusion
of the Competition. Any Winner who does
not attend or is not duly represented will have
a prize allotted by the Committee.

13.—Every Competitor for the Queen's
Prizes is specially requested to send in his
scores to the Committee Tent not later than 3
p.m. on Monday, 16th April.

14.—Ties, and matters not otherwise provided
for, will be decided by Bisley Rules.

15.—Competitors must write their names and
descriptions on their tickets distinctly, in
English characters.

16.—The Committee tent, where tickets and
all information can be obtained, will be near
the 500 yards range.

The Committee reserve to themselves the
right to alter the description of any of the
prizes herein stated, and also times of Shooting,
Entry, Ranges, and Targets.

Persons wishing to join the H. R. Associa-
tion should send their names, with the
 requisite fees, to the Hon. Secretary. Sub-
scription \$5; Ladies \$1.—Ladies under 16 years
are not eligible for membership.

Members are reminded that they are not
entitled to fire as such, or to the enjoyment of
any privileges unless their subscriptions are
paid on or before Thursday, 12 inst., at 11 a.m.

Ranges have been detailed as follows:—
NAVAL RANGE.
200 yards—FRIDAY 3.00 to 5.30
MONDAY 11.30 to 1.00
500 yards—FRIDAY 9.30 to 11.30
SATURDAY 2.30 to 4.00
MONDAY 1.00 to 3.00

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(Continued.)
600 yards—FRIDAY 11.30 to 3.00
SATURDAY 4.00 to 5.30
MONDAY 2.00 to 3.00
700 yards—SATURDAY 9.30 to 11.30
MONDAY 9.30 to 10.30
800 yards—SATURDAY 11.30 to 2.30
MONDAY 10.30 to 11.30
and
500 yards—MONDAY 3 to 5.30 Ladies
Nomination
Entry from may be obtained from and sub-
scriptions paid to
A. CHAPMAN,
Treasury;
M. S. NORTHGOTE,
Land Investment Co.,
Hongkong Club.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [458b]

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE,
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

EXCHANGE LINES, \$80 Per Annum.

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NO CHARGE FOR INSTALLATION.

N.B.—A special charge is made for lines of
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CRPTION IN STOCK.

INCLUDING—
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PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION.

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Trained Mechanics sent to Out-Ports to fit
up Installations if required.

NOTE ADDRESS—13, PRAYA CENTRAL.

For full particulars &c., &c.,
Apply to
W. STUART HARRISON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [29]

GRIMAULT'S SYRUP
OF
HYPO-PHOSPHITE OF LIME

FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST

All suffering from Catarrh, Con-
sumption, Obsolete Coughs or
Colds and those affected with diseases
of the Chest, Lungs and Bronchial
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Prescribed by the leading medical authori-
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Grimault's Syrup immediately arrests
the Cough, Spitting of blood and Night-
sweats, and the Appetite improves, rap-
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crease of weight and healthy appearance.

Grimault's Syrup has a rose colour,
and is sold in flat oval bottles. Beware
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STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAILONG,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above ports, TO-MORROW, the 10th instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [166b]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA.
THE Company's New Steamship
"DIAMANTE,"
Captain Blackland, will be despatched for the
above port, TO-MORROW, the 10th instant,
at 5 P.M.
The attention of Passengers is directed to
the excellent accommodation provided by this
steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric
Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [156b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU,"
Captain Williams, will be despatched on
WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.
The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered by this
steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated
forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating
Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh
Provisions during the entire voyage.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
A/R.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany and from AUSTRALIA are available for
return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND
AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [143b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR MANILA AND PORT DARWIN.
THE Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU,"
Captain Williams, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant.
The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered by this
steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated
forward of the Engines.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [143b]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship
"LOONGSANG,"
Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M.
This steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First class Passengers, and is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1900. [154b]

THE OKAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship
"ANPING MARU,"
Captain J. Sato, will be despatched for the
above ports, on THURSDAY, the 12th instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [146b]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship
"KUMSANG,"
Captain Payne, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [153b]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"PATHAN,"
will be despatched for the above Port on or
about the 15th April.
For Freight, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1900. [132b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"PROMETHEUS,"
Captain Day, will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 17th instant.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [1425b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).
Taking Cargo at London Rates.
THE Company's Steamship
"HECTOR,"
Captain Barr, will be despatched on
TUESDAY, the 17th instant.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1900. [371b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"MACHAON,"
Captain Hannah, will be despatched on
TUESDAY, the 1st May.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1900.

Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE
THE Company's Steamship
"KUMSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after Noon, the 9th instant, will be
landed at Consignees' risk and expense into
Godowns at East Point.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1900. [451b]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"AMERICA MARU,"
are hereby notified that their Goods are at
their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or
landed into our Godowns at Wanchai and
delivery may be had either from Lighters or
from Godowns upon countersignature of Bills
of Lading.
Goods remaining unclaimed after the 8th
instant will be subject to rent.
Cargo to be delivered from alongside.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
C. L. GORHAM,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1900. [7]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"URANO,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the office of the Undersigned before
Noon on the 13th instant, or they will not be
recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the
13th instant, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1900. [457b]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP "SIKH,"
FROM TACOMA VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.
The above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [4]

EDWARD PERRY AND COMPANY'S
STEAMSHIP SERVICE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM NEW YORK.
THE Company's Steamship
"THORDIS,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risks, into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery
may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon on the 14th instant or they will not be
recognised.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns where they will be
examined on the 14th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th
instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [462a]

Entimations.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
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